

Sunday, Oct. 19

UPDATE ON CADDO PARISH PIPELINE RELEASE:

Five collection points have now been set up along Tete Bayou, after access roads were built in cooperation with local landowners. Currently onsite are approximately 270 personnel, including Sunoco Logistics, contractors and government agencies. The primary focus is on public safety and protection of the environment through recovery of the released product and remediation efforts.

The release occurred on Monday, Oct. 13, just before 8 a.m. off Old Mooringsport LaTex Road and LA 169. Oil entered the Tete Bayou but did not reach Caddo Lake.

Approximately 2,400 barrels of oil has been recovered as of Sunday morning. Sunoco Logistics' original estimate was 4,000 barrels, which represented what the company estimated as the maximum amount of oil that could have drained out of this section of the pipeline. The actual size of the release is still being determined.

Continuous air monitoring is being conducted under supervision of the environmental agencies. Current air monitoring levels show that no hazards exist in populated/residential areas.

No levels have been detected that would pose a health risk to any residents. Air monitoring will continue until further direction by the Unified Command overseeing the response effort.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries along with contracted wildlife recovery teams, are collecting impacted species, and cleaning/rehabilitating species as able. All fish and wildlife impact data will continue to be collected and become part of a Damage Assessment process.

As of Sunday morning, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries had collected 84 deceased animals, which include primarily fish, crawfish, amphibians and reptiles.

The Mid-Valley Pipeline segment from Longview, Texas, to Mayersville, Miss., remains shut down.

Sunoco Logistics is currently removing and replacing the section of pipe that failed.

The cause of the failure is the subject of an investigation in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), which regulates the pipeline.

The company will make longer term repairs, if necessary, based on that investigation, and the company will continue to cooperate with PHMSA to ensure that future operations of the Mid-Valley Pipeline are safe.

A return to service is anticipated in the near future, subject to PHMSA approval.

Sunoco Logistics will reduce maximum operating pressure by 20 percent, as required by PHMSA, until any issues found through the investigation are addressed.

Primitive weapon hunting season opened Saturday and Unified Command has asked hunters to avoid the area around Tete Bayou. Hunters should be advised of the cleanup activity that is going on when they are hunting in the general area.

Households that were voluntarily evacuated were advised by Louisiana State Police that they can return to their homes Sunday afternoon (10/19).

Sunoco Logistics is the responsible party on the containment and recovery effort, acting with a unified command structure that includes:

- Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, which on Sunday succeeded Louisiana State Police as the state coordinating agency for the incident.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the federal coordinating agency.
- Actively overseeing the cleanup efforts on this response are also the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.